

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all 50 states in the United States.

### IN THE PAST 5 YEARS...

The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$5,367,500** in grants in **Montana**.



Blue Star Museums. Photo by Debra Huskin

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Montana added **3.4% or \$1.6 billion** to the state's economy.
- Montana's arts and cultural industries employed **15,670** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$900 million**.
- **57.7%** of Montana's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **33.5%** attended art exhibits.



### National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY17-FY19

**Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **58 participating museums** in Montana.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for over **17,300 students** attending **257 high schools** in Montana to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation—great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **395** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **11,840** adults and students in Montana.

**Shakespeare in American Communities** program in Montana enabled schools to offer children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

**Creative Forces** program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.

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Projects Funded by the Arts Endowment either Directly or Through its State Arts Agency Partnership Funds Occurred in These and Other Locations

*Alberta Bair Theater*

*Altenbrand Park*

*Big Sky Film Institute*

*Chester Joplin Inverness School*

*Dahl Nursing Home Lawn*

*Double Arrow Lodge Grounds*

*Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture*

*Fort Benton City Park*

*Gold Creek School*

*Hiatt Theatre at Makoshika Park*

*K. William Harvey Elementary*

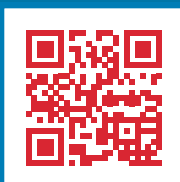
*Mainstreet Uptown Butte*

*Missoula Art Museum*

*Pumping Plant Park*

*Yellowstone Art Museum*

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